

Canada takes action following passage of National Security Legislation for Hong Kong

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The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Foreign Affairs, today issued the following statement:

“Canada joins the international community in reiterating its serious concern at the passage of national security legislation for Hong Kong by the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of China.

“This legislation was enacted in a secretive process, without the participation of Hong Kong’s legislature, judiciary or people, and in violation of international obligations.

“This process demonstrated disregard for Hong Kong’s Basic Law and the high degree of autonomy promised for Hong Kong under the ‘one country, two systems’ framework. Hong Kong’s role as a global hub was built on that foundation. Without it, Canada is forced to reassess existing arrangements.

“Effective immediately, Canada will treat exports of sensitive goods to Hong Kong in the same way as those destined for China. Canada will not permit the export of sensitive military items to Hong Kong.

“Canada is also suspending the Canada-Hong Kong extradition treaty.

“Finally, we have updated our travel advice for Hong Kong in order to advise Canadians of the potential impacts of the new national security legislation.

“The Government of Canada will continue to work with partners to protect human rights and the rule of law around the world.

“Canada will continue to support the many meaningful exchanges between Canada and Hong Kong, while standing up for the people of Hong Kong.”